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$NH(C_{1-4}$ alkyl)NH_2 e.g. NH(ethyl)NH_2, $NH(C_{1-4}$alkyl) wherein q is 1 or 2 and both p and r are independently zero or an integer from 1 to 2.–

At page 25, lines 24-26, please amend the paragraph to read: ✓

B3 --Compounds of formula (V), (VI), (VIII), (IX), (X) ,(XII), (XIII) or (XIV) may be prepared by analogous methods to those used for known compounds.–

At page 39, lines 28-33, please amend the title to add a common at line 31 between "A" and "B" as follows: ✓

B4 --Intermediate 22
4-{[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methyl-carbamoyl}-3-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (mixture of enantiomers A,B) (22a)
4-{[1-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methyl-carbamoyl}-3-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid benzyl ester (mixture of enantiomers C,D)(22b).--

At page 48, lines 20-26, please amend the title at line 24 to change "4-{[1-(S)-" to ✓ "4-{[1-(R)-" as follows:

B5 --Intermediate 38
4-{[1-(S)-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methyl-carbamoyl}-3-(S)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid 1-(R)-phenyl-ethyl ester (diastereomer 1) (38a)
4-{[1-(R)-(3,5-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methyl-carbamoyl}-3-(R)-(4-fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid 1-(R)-phenyl-ethyl ester (diastereomer 2) (38b)--

At page 50, lines 20-24, please amend the titled to remove the "-" before "40b" as follows: ✓

B6 --Intermediate 40

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2-(S)-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-3-oxo-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methyl-amide (40a)
2-(S)-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-3-oxo-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(S)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-ethyl]-methyl-amide.(40b).—

At page 62, lines 4-11, please amend the paragraph to read: ✓

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--TEA (700 μL) and diphenyphosphorylazide (812 μL) were added to a solution of intermediate 59 (400 mg) in dry toluene (20 mL) previously cooled to 0°C under a nitrogen atmopshere. The solution was stirred at r.t. for 3 hr, then 400 mg of intermediate 63 was added and the mixture was heated to 100°C for 1 hr. The mixture was allowed to cool to r.t. and partitioned between water and AcOEt. The organic layer was dried, concentrated *in vacuo* and the residue was purified by flash chromatography (CH/AcOEt 8:2) to give the title compound 64a (340 mg) and the title compound 64 b (250 mg).--

At page 81, lines 1-3, please amend the title at line 3 to change "...carboxylic acid [1-(S)-(3,5)-..." to read "...carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5)-..."as follows: ✓

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--Example 17
(+)-2-(R)-(4-Fluoro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid [1-(R)-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)ethyl]-methyl-amide hydrochloride--

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 20, 32, 35 and 36. Please add new claims 39-114. The following clean claims reflect the amendments being made herein. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is attached.